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More Finds In Flag Stamps Reported By Wide Awake Collectors

Each week brings further proof that there are still many finds to be made by collectors who will watch their flag stamps carefully. We are more than ever convinced that practically all of these errors thus far found are a result of the printing method which is very susceptible to creating freaks. As we have pointed out several times we place little interest in the small speck of color varieties that can be found in almost any sheet you look at. However, collectors who want to go for such varieties are on their own and can do as they please. The real varieties, those that will be of lasting interest and future value are the misprints such as the double prints and those prints wherein a substantial portion of one of the colors may be missing entirely or muddled up, all out of shape.

The most important new find reported in the past week is from a California collector who claims a sheet of the Yugoslav stamps in which the black color, that would be the flag pole and the shading and outline of the flag, is doubled. This is the first such find wherein anything other than the name has shown a double print.

The most interesting part of this Yugoslav find is that the doubling shows in both lines of the flag staff, in the outline of the flag and in the shading of the flag and then with all this, the name plate word in the corner of the sheet also shows a double printing.

We have not yet seen this sheet, but hope that it will be submitted to us. The finder states that the black is doubled over the entire sheet, showing more pronounced at the right edge of the sheet and lessens in clearness toward the left of the sheet. This again proves conclusively that practically all of these doubles are purely a result of a printing eccentricity as we have repeatedly stated, secret process or no secret process, there is no other answer for these double prints.

Paul J. Miller, Pottstown, Pa., collector submits two sheets of the Belgium stamp. On the sheet in the 27th stamp there is a distinct black dot between the L and G of Belgium, thus L-G, and on the other sheet on the 19th stamp there is a very clear but faint trace of a doubling of the word BELGIUM in this one single stamp only. The doubling is quite faint, yet can be seen but is not near so clear or pronounced as on other doubles reported.

Another collector in Wisconsin, Mr. Fred Kongsmark, sends a block of four of the Norway, the corner plate block in which the tenth stamp in the sheet shows the flag with a good sized piece of the red missing in the lower right corner, part of the "A" of Norway is almost gone and the "Y" is so faint that it can hardly be seen. A variety of this nature is well worth saving.

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A TYPICAL ROCKET MAIL STAMP



One of the unofficial stamps used on an experimental Rocket Mail Flight to and from Mexico, over the Rio Grande River. Some day we may be collecting real Rocket Mail Stamps issued by the United States Postoffice Department.

Yugoslav sheet submitted to us for photographing as this is an unusual find and adds much to the interest in these issues. We again urge collectors to check every one of these sheets or single stamps that pass through their hands. Doubles may be found in any of the colors in the flags and we expect to hear of further such finds.

Readers of Linn's Weekly Stamp News lead the entire country in this research work as almost all the really important finds in these stamps have been first found by and reported by our readers. We again congratulate all who have made such finds and congratulate readers of this publication for their wide awake Philatelic activity.

Small Classified Ad Swamps Man Offering Flag Stamps In Blocks

L. B. Tuthill of St. Louis sent a small classified advertisement offering Flag stamps in used blocks of four at 15c each. This was printed in the December 30 issue and then an order was sent in with further copy for three insertions in January 13, 20 and 27th. Now comes a letter on January 12th begging us to kill the offer immediately since the advertisement of December 30th cleaned out the stock on hand and many orders can not be filled but will have to be refunded.

This all goes to show the tremendous interest in these stamps and we have wondered why there has not been more offers of these stamps in all sorts of blocks and pieces used and unused. There is a big market for them and dealers who have the material fail to realize that thousands of collectors in small towns all over the country never had an opportunity to buy any of these stamps at their local postoffices because many small towns never had any in stock.

WEDDING BELLS IN CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jacobson, 3821 West Congress Street, Chicago 24, Illinois, announce the engagement, which coincides with her birthday, of their daughter, Jean, to Seymour A. Rish, son of Mrs. Nettie Rish, 3409 West Fifth Avenue, Chicago 24, Illinois. Mr. Rish is a well-known Chicago philatelist and for over one year conducted a column, "Conglomerates From Chicago," in the LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

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A. P. S. Hall Of Fame Committee For 1944 Is Named By Pres. Lybarger

President Donald F. Lybarger of the American Philatelic Society has named Mrs. Catherine L. Manning of the U. S. National Museum of Washington, D. C., as chairman of the Committee to select the Hall of Fame Philatelist for 1943. Asked to serve on the committee with Mrs. Manning are the publishers of four of the leading stamp weeklies of the country. Theodore Chambers of Kalamazoo, Michigan; H. L. Lindquist of New York; George F. Stilphen of Boston and George W. Linn of Sidney, Ohio.

Nominations are limited to deceased philatelists and principally to those who have been members of the Society or to others who have distinguished themselves in the advancement and development of our hobby.

A. P. S. Acts To Stop Stamp Altering Activity

Stamp collectors throughout the country recently were flooded with postal card announcements sent out by a person who calls himself a chemist, to the effect that he would claim "how to boost the value of your stamps" by means of every trick of cleaning and restoring.

Feeling that the offer was a gross misrepresentation of fact and that it constituted a means of perpetrating fraud upon the hobby, the American Philatelic Society at once filed a complaint against the advertiser with the Post Office Inspector in Charge at Chicago, Illinois. The matter is now being investigated and a report on it is anticipated at an early date.

THIRTEEN IN A BUNCH

Some people may think thirteen an unlucky number but when we received a letter from the Secretary of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago with a check for thirteen new subscriptions for members of the society we concluded that thirteen must be our lucky number. Anyhow we know that there will be thirteen new boosters for Linn's Weekly in Chicago and we thank all of them for their support.

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Walter Bowes Proposes Mail By Rocket; Plan To Be Laid Before Postmaster General Frank Walker

Carrying mail by rocket is not new news to stamp collectors, for dull indeed is that collector who has not read of some of the many instances in which such experiments have been made and there are today many semi-official stamps and covers which testify to these experiments. One of the more prominent attempts was only recently brought to the attention of collectors by the full page offer in a recent issue of this publication of the Rocket stamps and covers offered by George W. Wentz of San Marcos, Texas. In years to come, these early rocket provisionals may be the historic pieces of collec-

New Exhibitors Are Wanted For Alex At Atlantic City

One of the chief reasons why publicity concerning ATEX 1944 is being put out at this early date is because it is the wish of the committee in charge that a number of new exhibitors might be encouraged to make a showing at this event. It is always desirable to have new exhibitors for collectors get tired of seeing the same exhibits or exhibits by the same men, year after year and when a new exhibitor can be induced to participate something different is bound to be on display.

The complete prospectus of the show is ready, full details as to exhibition frames and all necessary information will be found in this prospectus. Besides new exhibitors, the committee also hopes for new faces at the bourse tables as this is one of the best features of any stamp show.

In looking over the various classes for the exhibit we find one classification lacking, that we believe should be included in all exhibitions because we believe that such a class would draw unusual material. We refer to a class that might permit an exhibitor to put in a single frame of varied assortment of material without any relation between the pages shown. In other words a selection of unusual and extraordinary stamps, covers or whatever may be wished, by the exhibitor.

Such a class should bring out many unusual displays and should be one of the most interesting features of any exhibition.

For information and details on ATEX 1944, address the Chairman, Mr. Bela Scholtz, Sr., 48 LaCade Place, Atlantic City, N. J.

Engel's Catalogue Of Flag Stamp Varieties

John H. Engel, manager of the Liberty Circle, at 127 Nassau Street, New York, has issued a catalogue of the Flag Stamp Varieties that have come to his attention. The little booklet is illustrated with pictures of many of the stamps and should interest those collectors who are looking for such varieties. We find no price mentioned for the catalogue.

Three Important Auctions

Vahan Mojian of New York announces three coming auctions in this issue of the weekly. These sales appear to contain a wide range of material that should fill the needs of every kind of collector. Naturally they are strong in U. S. issues and Airmail stamps are also a feature of one of these sales. The popularity of the Mojian sales is best attested by the fact that the coming sales are the 335th, 336th and 337th sales to be held by this firm which has been active in N w York for as far back as we can remember.

tions of rocket stamps for the proposal to be made to Postmaster General Walker by Mr. Walter Bowes of the Pitney-Bowes Company, manufacturers of Meter Mail Machines is not a wild dream but the well thought out plan and development of a man recognized for his many previous inventions that have helped revolutionize our postal service.

First public announcement of this new plan to carry mail by rocket was made by Drew Pearson, Washington news commentator over the radio in his broadcast of Sunday, January 9. Pearson said that Walter Bowes would put before Postmaster General Walker this week a plan for carrying mail by rocket. He stated that Bowes proposed to build rocket runways alongside the railway tracks throughout the country and that rockets propelled by helium gas could travel from Chicago to New York in about five minutes.

It would seem that the plan would be similar to such plans as have been pictured in scientific magazines and in newspaper articles of years ago wherein we remember of having read and having seen pictured, proposals for the railways of the future wherein a car or train would be run with a single track below it, a single track above it and a single track at each side, there would be wheels to contact these tracks at all four points but the method of propulsion would be so strong and thus make the car travel so fast that it would virtually rise and speed through the air, the wheels and the tracks merely keeping it in place.

To any thinking person, it should be easy to believe that such a method of sending mail would be both practical and sound. The possibilities of such a mail system are so great as to stagger ones imagination. Just a single example to set you thinking would be that we might have the afternoon New York Newspapers hawked by newsboys on the streets of many midwestern towns almost as quickly as they were available on the streets of New York.

We hope to have further information from Mr. Bowes with reference to this new innovation which he proposes and construction of such a mail carrying system would provide a splendid bit of after the war work for thousands of men and how much better that we could put our steel and our brawn and brain into such work rather than waste it on the battlefields of the world.

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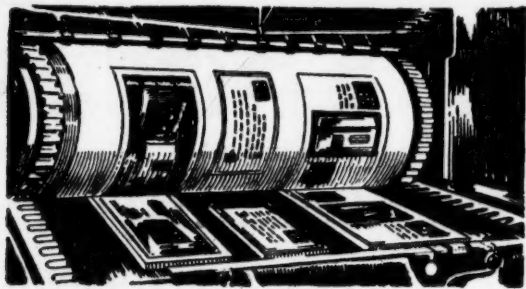
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Various Printing Processes And Their Relation To Postage Stamp Printing

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press discussed in our previous article.

There are two types of these presses, the older one being the single revolution cylinder, known as a drum cylinder. On this press the cylinder makes a complete revolution for one impression and the bed on which the form lies travels under the cylinder and back to its original starting point at each revolution, part of the cylinder being cut away so that in returning under the cylinder there is no contact. Thus the cylinder on this type of press must be twice as large in circumference as the width of the sheet of paper to be printed or the form from which the sheet is printed.

This type of press was slow, because of its method of operation and a few are sold any more because of the great improvement in presses of the cylinder family. These old drum cylinders can be seen in many small country weekly newspaper plants as they were the universal method of country weekly newspaper printing.

The new and more modern type of cylinder press is the two revolution cylinder press, so called because the cylinder makes two complete revolutions for each sheet of paper it prints.

The cylinders on these presses are much smaller than on the drum cylinders. In fact just half as big in circumference for printing the same size sheet.

On the two revolution cylinders the bed or form moves under the cylinder and makes a complete impression against the entire circumference of the cylinder, the cylinder then automatically lifts a fraction of an inch and makes another complete revolution and while this is being done the form or bed slides back to its original position, ready for starting through again to make another print.

Because of the method of operation and the small size of the cylinder, presses of this type run at speeds of up to 2500 or 3000 impressions per hour for the regular hand fed presses.

For several years past, automatic feeders have been used on these presses and on the smaller size machines, speeds up to four or five thousand printed sheets per hour have been attained.

The illustration herewith clearly shows the cylinder of the press as well as the form and a printed impression on a sheet of paper which is around the cylinder and which is held there by gripper fingers, which clamp the edge of the paper to the cylinder as it is fed into the press and automatically releases the paper as the cylinder completes its revolution, thus delivering the printed sheet and catching another sheet to be printed.

Presses of this type are now built in both large and small sizes, some as small as 10x15 inch, the largest ones take sheets up to 38x50 inches and even larger.

It is thus easy to realize that stamps which could be printed on this type of press could be produced in extra large quantities in a very short time. All stamps such as the Australian Kangaroo issue which are printed from plates the same as are in common use in all printing plants, could be printed on the cylinder press. Sheets

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I'm away with Ingeborg and Pat Herst on a 3 days holiday jaunt and will hit Poughkeepsie, Albany, West Cummingtown, Mass. and Springfield, Mass. Pat is guest speaker at Poughkeepsie banquet and also at Fort Orange Stamp Club in Albany. Visited Norco, the Poughkeepsie dealer, where Pat picked up some nice Patriotics and a Patent cover.

Further Censorship Regulations Of Interest To All Stamp Collectors

The Office of Censorship has just released to its district stations new philatelic censorship regulations containing a number of revisions which stamp dealers and collectors, who have international dealings in postage stamps, will find of interest.

Strict censorship was established over international dealings in postage stamps months ago because various attempts have been made by this nation's enemies to use such dealings to conceal secret messages and to set up dollar balances to support espionage, sabotage and other activities in certain areas.

Many agencies of the Government desire a strict control of the international stamp traffic. Therefore, various special Censorship regulations are necessary to cover stamp imports and exports.

The best known of these controls is the permit system, which requires that all export shipments of postage stamps be made under a permit granted by the Office of Censorship. No permits are required for the export of United States postage stamps in APO and FPO mail, but foreign stamps are not permitted in APO and FPO mail. No permits are required for shipments of stamps to Canada. Whether under export permit or not, all shipments of postage stamps passing through the mails or Customs are subject to whatever Censorship regulations may be in force at the time of dispatch.

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Prisoners of war and civilians interned or detained are not permitted to correspond with stamp collectors or dealers.

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Any person who plans to take or send postage stamps from continental United States may submit his shipment to the nearest Censorship station for pre-censorship, provided he has already obtained a philatelic export permit. The Office of Censorship, in Washington, will also promptly answer queries as to stamp issues which may be exported or imported, and as to whether or not stamp shipments may be made to or from any particular area.

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— By JACK GOLDSTEIN —

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Mostar is the capital city of Herzegovina, one of the smaller Balkan countries. Its earlier Slavonic name was Vitrinicha, but somewhere in the parade of years the town name became Mostar—derived from Serbo-Croatian words—MOST, a bridge, and STAR, old—in recognition of its culminating feature of interest, the old bridge.

By R. C. BINGHAM in THE STRAIGHT EDGE



Bosnia & Herzegovina, Scott's Type A5

Mostar's bridge of time spans the Narenta (Neretva) river, with a slender graceful arch of stone, joining two gray old towers used

the center, about 60 feet above the water.

Mostar is known to have been fortified by the Romans and tradition says that the bridge was built by the Emperor Trajan, but authorities now agree that the present structure is of Turkish origin, dating from about the middle of the 16th century, built on foundations of an earlier Roman bridge. Carved in the stone-work of the arch is an inscription in Arabic—"Kudret Kemer" meaning "Arch of Almighty God."

Like other Balkan bridges, Mostar's has its legends—one founded on the ancient rite of human sacrifice that persistently lingers in the superstitions of modern bridge builders. The Mostar legend relates that the river spirits of the Narenta were hostile to building of the original bridge, and each night destroyed the work that had been done during the day until they were appeased by the builders burying alive two lovers beneath the piers.

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Wilfred P. Betts
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Christmas and Charity Seals

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The first results of the move to use a general design for the annual Christmas seal for all countries, came from Brazil, where the state of San Paula which has been issuing seals since 1927-28, every other year. Their seal for 1943-44 is the same design as the American seal for 1942, the team of horses driving away from a barn through the snow, a Pennsylvania farm scene. However it is much larger, comes in booklet panes of ten and has a lot of lettering that distinguishes it. If the foreign seals are all printed in their own countries collectors will easily tell the differences.

What may be in time a rarity comes from Republic of Columbia. Fearing the regular seals would not arrive in time the seal issuing society had the 1940 seals overprinted with a large "1943". A number of these had been circulated when the regular seal came in. It however is the same general design as 1940, except the figure of value "1c" is in a white circle, and the lettering in the panel at the bottom is in red "Liga Antituberculosa Colombiana 1943". If only a few of the first overprinted design were issued they will be pretty scarce.

Collectors of Canadian seals are interested in a recent find of an old charity stamp issued around 1908 by the St. Joseph orphans relief work. It is a red seal 26x33-mm lettering in white, one half of the seal in French inscription and the right half in English. A

large figure of St. Joseph holding a child with the inscription "Bread for the orphans." They are in booklet panes of six with perf margin at left, straight edge top, bottom and right side. They have a face value of 2c in a small white circle. In the lot received were some on real thin paper, and also one copy of a one cent value, same design but in green.

Thanks to Mrs. Bertha Dolbee of Norwalk, O., for her appreciation of the seal department in Linn's weekly. She is one of the growing delegation of women collectors of Christmas seals.

The tenth annual checklist "Christmas Seals of the World" is now off the press. It is a little earlier this year as not so many foreign seals were issued to delay it. It is four papers larger than the former issue and carries a wealth of information for collectors of seals. Little or no attempt is made to price the foreign or local charity seals, but the American issues are listed and numbered with what experts believe the nearly correct value for retail. This year Dorsey F. Wheeler, seal expert, revised the American issues, and Charles Lorenz of the National Tuberculosis assisted the publisher in listing the local and charity seals as well as the foreign issues. There has been no seal catalogue since the Green issue of 1936 and not likely to be another issue, so this checklist is slowly taking its place. On account of increased size of the book and cost of printing it sells for 15c in 1944. Note advertisement in Classified column.

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AIR MAIL COVERS

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The first flights from El Centro, Calif., and Palm Springs, Calif., on AM-13, originally scheduled for January 1st, 1944, has been temporarily postponed, according to recent news from Western Air lines (the operators of AM-13.) According to latest reports, this service should begin between January 15th and February 1st. However, it may be even later than that due to the San Diego Airport being closed.

In the December 30th issue, I reviewed the cachets issued for the 40th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first aeroplane flight and sponsored by (1) The Dayton Philatelic Society and Dayton-Chamber of Commerce; (2) The Dayton-Wright Airmail Society; and (3) The San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce. Since then, I have seen additional covers privately sponsored by Mr. Robert Mayer of New York. These covers are cancelled at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, December 17, 1943 AM, and backstamped at Kitty Hawk, N. C. on the afternoon of December 17th. So far as I know, these were the only covers cancelled at Kill Devil Hills, the site of the first flight. The cachet on these covers consists of the Wright Memorial Beacon at Kill Devil Hills situated on top of a hill. Beneath the hill is the original Wright Bros. plane. Above the beacon at the left is "1903" and at the right "1943." Beneath the plane is "Birthplace of Aviation" "KILL DEVIL HILLS, N. C." Some covers received the cachet in red ink and others received it in black ink.

If any reader of this column has any information regarding an Airport Dedication at Odgen, Utah, on October 8, 1943, will they please notify the writer of this column immediately. This information is required by the Airport Dedication Committee of the catalogue.

As I mentioned briefly in last weeks column, the first flights from Raleigh and Durham, North Carolina on AM-5, and Columbia, South Carolina on AM-6 took place on Saturday, January 1st. Since, at the time of writing this column, I have not received all of my covers back, I will wait until next week to give the times at which the covers were cancelled and backstamped. Quantities of covers carried, naturally, won't be available for several weeks yet, but indications are that there were not very many carried.

So much for this week. Don't forget that all questions, news items, and general airmail information is always welcome from all readers. However, please en-

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THINGS SOME READERS WANT TO KNOW

I do not know of a spot in the paper that I think might bring these matters to the attention of many readers that will be seen by more of you than in this column for I do get so many comments on this column.

Collectors who have used our blank album pages have been very liberal in their orders in the past months and right now our stock is smaller than it has been for many months. This is due to various reasons, difficulty of getting paper at times, certain kinds of paper, also the fact that the printer here is so loaded with orders from plants that have a triple A priority attached to their orders that it is difficult for us to get many things except as they may find time to get them through. Right now we have an order in for several kinds of album pages which in all will total over 100,000 pages but we do not know how soon we can get them. The only thing we now have on stock are the Silver Streak Cover Pages, the Perpetual Pages, the Unit P Pages and Glassine interleaves. All others are out of stock, some have been out for more than a month and all orders which include any of the out of stock pages are being held. As soon as we can get the material we will fill orders. Should any of you who have ordered prefer a refund, prompt refund will be made on request.

LINPRINT UNIT PAGES FOR 1943 STAMPS

We have had numerous inquiries if such pages will be issued and to all such we can say that the order for the pages is in the hands of the printer now. There will be six pages offered this year for single copies and blocks of four of all new stamps since 1941. The reason for this is that we feel it desirable to reprint the last year pages which showed the War stamp alone and include with this stamp, the Four Freedoms and United Nations stamps which are a part of the same set as we see it. Just as soon as these pages are ready we will announce them and take orders. In fact we may announce them next week and accept orders for delivery when ready to ease the minds of prospective buyers.

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PATRIOTIC COVER CATALOG

Our original plan was to issue this catalog in two parts as we thought when we started on the copy that this would result in getting a part of the catalog to you quicker. Delay in getting the catalog through the printing plant has enabled us to get caught up with them so that all of the copy for the entire catalog is now in the hands of the printer. We have read proof on some of the pages and expect to have this all read within a very few days. The catalog will thus come in one complete book and we feel certain that you will appreciate it in this form.

Just as soon as we can get them from the printers, they will be mailed to all who have ordered. The price is \$1.00 per copy postpaid and every collector of Patriotic envelopes of this world war will certainly need a copy of this catalogue. As we have worked with it diligently for months, we are more and more convinced that it will fill a need for every collector.

"The State Revenooer"

Box 142
 Paso Robles, California

SOUTH DAKOTA. The "Sunshine" design Beer stamps originally appeared with the "Douglas" signature, later with "John N. Thomson's" signature and now has turned up with the signature "E. V. Youngquist."

WASHINGTON. A new cigarette decal design was issued a short time ago. "State of Washington" in two straight lines at top, value at each side, "Cigarette Tax" curved at bottom, head of Washington in center, oval in shape with wavy outline; ½c orange, 2c blue and 5c violet, on yellow card with grey safety design, 13x17mm.

WISCONSIN Beer. The current set (State Seal at left side, value at right side etc.) has been reported by Mr. Forfar of Wisconsin as follows—(all black on various colored backgrounds, perforated 12) 96x36½mm—\$.03639 on blue background, \$.06452 on blue-green, \$.07258 on rose-carmine and \$.09678 (6 64 Oz. bottles) on yellow. 123x32½mm—\$.125 on grey, \$.25 on orange, \$.50 on light yellow and \$1 on tan. The same set is known rouletted 7, excepting the \$.03629 and \$1. In addition an \$.09678 grey (12 32 Oz. bottles) comes in 7 rouletted.

ALABAMA. Cabot's T14 has turned up with rouletting (size 9½) on all four sides. This stamp differs from T8 in the size of stamp, size of rouletting, and the absence of the printers imprint.

ARIZONA. The 25c tobacco decal has appeared in the new map design. Orange in color.
ARKANSAS. The \$2.50 Beer stamp is now in use with black rouletting.

A new Imported wine decal design has appeared with the "McLeod" signature, 12c blue and black. A vertical oval in the center contains all wording and the denomination. Beautiful network design fills out the 14x14mm stamp. On white card with pale blue "safety".

The recent Liquor decal (rounded, network corners) were used in two values with the "Hardin" signature; 11½c and 14c black and pink on green safety card. The 22 2/5c, in the same design, is now in use with "McLeod's" signature; black and flesh, on green card (with a different safety design from that on the "Hardin's").

COLORADO. I have the ¼ bbl. "Morrison" 5% Beer stamp now. Green on pink paper, usual size and design.

—Still have about 20 more of the free lots of State Revenues for interested beginners. Just send a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Use a patriotic envelope and comemoratives in writing, please.

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December 29, 1943.

George W. Linn, Esq.
 Linn's Weekly Stamp News
 Sidney, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Linn:

Your further explanation as to the probable cause of the doubled names on certain of the "Occupied Nations" series is extremely interesting.

I believe, however, that it should not be accepted without reserve, for there are still several objections, which become obvious if one stops to consider the whole question of printing these stamps in its entirety.

This whole subject is a most interesting piece of philatelic research, but it is extremely difficult because there are so many unknown factors.

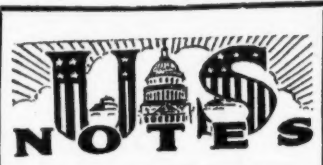
All of the work done in trying to solve the "mystery" has been on a basis of what we know of the offset-lithographic process. The American Bank Note Co. frankly states that these stamps are printed by a secret process. While this secret process cannot be radically different from the known methods used, nor can it be basically different, it may be such as to cause the varieties which we are trying to explain.

The explanation we have offered, is, so far, the only one to which no objection can be raised. But it is based on what we know of the offset lithographic method of printing. Your explanations, and certain others are plausible and are adequate to a certain point. Beyond that point there are certain definite objections. In other words, they explain part of the question, but not the whole of it.

I wonder if we haven't gone about as far as we can with the materials we have at hand. Being students, neither of us can let the matter rest, but in the final analysis, we are going to have to depend on the disclosure of the secret of the American Bank Note Co. It can't remain a secret forever.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
 Y. Sourén



The Postoffice Department at Washington reports on the new plates assigned for making during the month of December and it is noted that all are of the standard 400 subject electric eye plates for printing standard sheets of 100 stamps for regular use.

There are four plates of the 1½c Presidential, numbers 23087-8-9-10.

Four plates for the 3c Presidential, Numbers 23091-2 and 23095-6.

Four plates for the 3c Win The War stamp, numbers 23093-4 and 23097-8.

Plates sent to press during December are as follows: Numbers 23073-4 and 23077-8 for the 3c Win The War stamp, 400 subject plates, electric eye and plates number 22912 and 22913 for the 3c Presidential issue in 170 subject plates for booklets.

Sales at the Philatelic Agency for the year 1943 totaled \$1,077,552.58. This is an increase of \$614,063 over 1942 when but \$463,488 was the total. Some months ago when the new flag stamps were announced, we predicted a big increase for 1943 sales and we wonder if these sales mean orders filled or include orders on hand for we hear that it sometimes takes six to eight weeks to get an order from the Agency. Surely no excuse for such delay.

USED AIR MAIL STAMPS

My check and price list of 1943 has become null and void as of Jan. 5, 1944. On Feb. 3 the new list will appear, listing every air mail stamp of the World, and pricing most of them. If you desire to know the current and up to date prices of used air mails and other pertinent information, send for it today. Limited war time printing, price 50c deductible from the first order of \$3.

GEORGE HERZOG

68 Nassau St. N. Y. C. 7

Pickard Sale Catalog Filled With Unusual Array Of Fine Stamps

The auction sale catalog of the first part of the great F. W. Pickard collection to be sold by the Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, is devoted wholly to United States and Possessions and few catalogues have shown such an unusual lot of material as in this sale. Mr. Pickard collected everything, thus rather than just a showing of the postage issues and a few other items, the collector will find almost everything that is listed in the specialized catalogue, including proofs, essays, trial color prints, Telegraphs, a splendid showing, Carriers, Envelopes, Revenues, Specimens and in this item there is offered a complete set of the rare "SPECIMEN" errors, with the exception of the 15c Navy. Many of these items are the only known existing copies. This lot alone speaks highly of the thoroughness with which Mr. Pickard made his collection for he gathered these years ago when others were paying little or no attention to such issues.

The first part of this sale is of over 1400 lots and runs three days, January 27, 28, 31. You still have time to get a catalog and other parts of this big collection will be offered later.

Another excellent offering is the sale of Robert A. Siegel, at 505 Fifth Avenue, New York. Mr. Siegel has adopted the plan of producing a finely printed catalogue and uses an address signature that lends prestige to any offering he may make. This sale on January 28th is almost wholly of choice U. S., but contains a few lots of nice Foreign offerings.

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611	2c Harding	.06	.25
613	2c Harding	.45	2.20
614	1c Hugt Walloon	.12	.50
615	2c Hugt Walloon	.21	.88
616	5c Hugt Walloon	1.35	5.65
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618	2c Lex. Concord	.28	1.20
619	5c Lex. Concord	.95	3.80
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621	5c Norse Amer.	1.15	4.60
622	2c Sesquicentennial	.12	.65
628	5c Ericsson	.40	1.70
629	2c White Plains	.13	.65
643	2c Vermont	.07	.27
644	2c Burgoyne	.22	.90
645	2c Valley Forge	.06	.25
646	2c Molly Pitcher	.06	.27
647	2c Hawaii	.18	.72
648	5c Hawaii	.45	1.80
649	2c Aeronautics	.08	.34
650	5c Aeronautics	.25	1.00
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654	2c Edison (flat)	.06	.24
655	2c Edison (rotary)	.07	.28
657	2c Sullivan	.05	.19
680	2c Wayne	.09	.36
681	2c O. Canal	.05	.18
682	2c Mass. Bay	.04	.15
683	2c Charleston	.10	.40
688	2c Braddock	.06	.23
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	340	.05		*C7-8	.18		Colony			*507-9	1.00
	353a-7a (5)	.45		*CE1-2	.40		*157A	2.15		*C61	.30
	5th Col (5)	.60		C94			*168-73	2.50		*C71-2	.85
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	C13	.60		*231-33	.70		*C94-96	.30		*B106-09	.85
	*C35-39	2.25		*B1-4	.90		*116-21	.40		*B116	2.35
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If I were an artist, with nothing to do
I'd paint a picture, a composite view
Of historic Sicily, in which I'd show
Visions of contrast, the high and the low.

There'd be towering mountains, a deep blue sea;
Filthy brats yelling "Caramella" at me;
High plumed horses, and colorful carts;
Two-toned tresses on hustling tarts.

I'd show Napoleonic cops, the carabinieri;
Dejected old woman, with too much to carry;
A dignified gentleman, with a "Balbo" beard;
Bare-bottomed bambino, both ends smeared.

Castle and palace, opera house too;
Hotel on a mountain, glorious view;
Homes made of weeds, brick-bats and mud;
People covered with scabs, scurvy and crud.

Fine old homes, pride of the nation,
Beautiful to see, but no sanitation;
Well equipped schools, without a scholar,
Temples of learning, surrounded by squalor.

Chapels and churches, great to behold,
Each a king's ransom, in glittering gold;
Poverty and want, men craving for food,
Picking through garbage, practically nude.

A hill-top village; a walled in lane;
Grimy old hags, all twisted with pain;
Beautiful image, most blessed of Mothers;
Scatled monks and alm-asking brothers.

Stately cathedrals, with rich toned bells;
Ricovery shelters, with horrible smells;
Mouldering catacombs, a place of the dead;
Noisy civilians, clamoring for bread.

Palatial villas, with palm trees tall;
A stinking hovel, mere hole in a wall;
Tree-fringed lawns, swept by the breeze;
Goats wading in filth, up to their knees.

Revealing statues, all details complete;
A sensual lass, with sores on her feet;
Big-busted damsels, but never a bra,
Bumping against you, there should be a law.

Sweeping boulevards, a spangled team;
Alleys that wind, like a dope fiend's dream;
Flowers blooming, on the side of a hill;
A side walk latrine, with privacy nil.

Girls with shoe soles, two inches thick;
Unwashed peddlers, whose wares make you sick.
Grapes, lemons, postcards and nuts,
Dolce and vino, to torture your guts.

Two-by-four shops, with shelving all bare;
Gesturing merchants, arms flailing the air;
Narrow-gauge sidewalks, more like a shelf;
Butt-puffing youngster, scratching himself.

Lumbering carts, hogging the road;
Nondescript trucks, frequently towed;
Diminutive donkeys, loaded for bear;
Horse-drawn taxis, seeking a fare.

Determined pedestrians, courting disaster,
Walk in the street, where movement is faster;
Sicilian drivers, all accident bound,
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Technical Report No. 8

Honduras, "Semi-official Stamps."
The two items listed by Sanabria as "semi-official stamps" of Honduras are not known ever to have been actually placed in use by an air service. They bear the name "Central America Air Lines" which is a title Dr. T. C. Pounds appears to have planned to use for his service.

The story of the Pounds venture was told in The American Philatelist for August, 1940. Dr. Pounds made a contract with the government to carry mail by air between Tegucigalpa and Puerto Cortez, and such mail was required to be franked with two kinds of stamps, the regular postage stamps of the government and the "special stamp of the enterpriser," to quote from the announcement under date of April 29, 1925 of the Postmaster-Gen-

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eral in the newspaper El Cronista. The "special stamps" referred to are those listed in the catalogues as the 1925 air mail issue of Honduras—although not all the varieties listed are known to have been issued for postal use. These stamps thus have a semi-official status, since they were issued by a private enterprise under contract with the government. Unfortunately, through error, they were listed in the catalogues as officially issued stamps; and it is not now convenient for the cataloguers to correct the error.

The Pounds Enterprise made only a few flights between April 30, 1925 and some time in November, 1925 when Pound's plane was wrecked. The venture thus came to a sudden end.

The items listed by Sanabria as "semi-official stamps" appear to have come into the philatelic market about 1927,—quite some time after Pounds Enterprise or "Central America Air Lines" was out of business. The origin of these adhesives has not been traced. They may be merely a hoax; or, if it can be shown that they were prepared for Dr. Pounds while his contract was still in effect, they should be listed as "semi-official stamps prepared but never issued."

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Miserable buses, which move with a grind,
Packed to the roof, more left behind.

Arrogant wretches, picking up snipes;
Miniature Fiats, various types;
Young street singer; hand organ tune;
Shoe-shine boys; a sidewalk saloon.

Garbage strewn gutters, reeking with stench;
Weather beaten beggar, a God-awful wench;
A boy on the corner, yelling "Gior-mal-e";
A half dressed urchin, fly-covered belly.

Barbers galore, with manners quite mild;
Prolific women, all heavy with child;
Duce's secret weapon, kids by the score,
Caused by his bonus, which isn't any more.

No birth control, in this fair land,
One child in arms, two by the hand,
Page Margaret Sanger, just turn her loose,
Her gospel is needed, put it to use.

A beautiful maiden, a smile on her face,
With a breath of garlic, fouling the place;
Listless housewife, no shoes on her feet,
Washing and cooking right out in the street.

The family wash, of tattle-tale-gray,
Hung from a balcony, blocking the way;
Native coffee, God, what a mixture;
Tiled bathrooms, with one extra fixture.

Families dining, from one common bowl,
Next to a fish store, a terrible hole;
Sicilian zoot-suiters, flashily dressed,
Bare-footed beggars, looking oppressed.

Mud-smeared children, clustered about,
Filling their jugs, at a community spout;
A dutiful mother, with look of despair,
Picking lice from small daughter's hair.

Capable craftsmen, skilled in their art;
Decrepit old shacks, falling apart;
Intricate needlework, out on display,
Surrounded by filth, rot and decay.

Elegant caskets, carved out by hand;
Odorous factories, where leather is tanned;
A shoemaker's shop; a black-market store;
Crawling with vermin, no screen on the door.

No sense of shame has the soliciting boy;
Unfortunate children, with nary a toy;
Pathetic monstrosity, the hunch-back dwarf;
Oil strewn sea shore, craft rotting at wharf.

I've tried to describe the things I have seen
A panorama of Sicily, the brown and the green;
I've neglected the war scars, visible yet,
But those are the things we want to forget.

I'm glad I came, but damn-anxious to go;
Give it back to the natives, I'm ready to blow.

tags. But since the Pounds air service did not exist after November, 1925, up to which time no stamps other than those mistakenly listed as official stamps were used, we conclude that the express tags have been faked.

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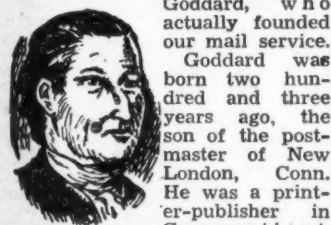
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The man who almost single-handedly overthrew the Postal Service of His Majesty George the Third in the American Colonies, and established the system that now is our United States Post Office Department is a forgotten name today.

We give all the glory to Benjamin Franklin, it seems, and leave very little credit for William Goddard, who actually founded our mail service.



Goddard was born two hundred and three years ago, the son of the postmaster of New London, Conn. He was a printer-publisher in Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. This frequent change of scene was no doubt caused by his vigorous, belligerent nature, freely expressed in his newspaper articles. Constantly he was in political and financial hot water, and more than once the object of a mob's violence.

Perhaps Goddard's pre-occupation with postal matters came from his father. All his life he seems to have been interested in the mail situation. For a time he was postmaster in Providence, R. I., and as a newspaper publisher he was vitally concerned with the systematic operation of the communications service. In 1761, we find, he was working with a Mr.

Farley. Whether this fact would also indicate an abiding interest in postal procedure, we do not know.

The erratic operation and abuses of the Royal Post often irked him. Finally when he felt that he was being overcharged for the distribution of his newspaper, the "Pennsylvania Chronicle," William Goddard decided to take matters into his own hands, and immediately started plans for a postal service of his own.

He announced to the world that he was out "to rescue the Channel of public and private intelligence from the horrid Fangs of Ministerial Dependents."

In the 1770's the Royal Post was by no means the sole carrier of communications. The government mail routes covered only the larger cities. Districts off those main lines were served by private riders. Early American revolutionists than had a few more or less secret posts (they didn't like King George's men reading their mail), and many newspaper publishers had unofficial distribution systems.

Leaving his sister to run his newspaper (we're in Baltimore now, and the paper is the "Advertiser"), Goddard traveled up and down the colonies, knitting these many various private posts into one consolidated system, which was so successful that before long the British post office was starved out of existence.

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Reports of Fiji Island coins bearing the familiar "S" mint mark of the United States Mint in San Francisco are cleared up by an explanation given by Mr. S. Hyman of Chicago who finds the answer in the January 1944 issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

The article states that the Fiji Islanders have been making trinkets out of the smaller coins and that the available supply became quite short. It is stated that the master die of the current 3 pence coin of Australia was sent to both the San Francisco and Denver Mints and coins struck from them at both mints, so that both the "S" and the "D" mint marks should be found on these new coins. It is believed that the Fiji coins were also produced here because of the shortage caused by their use as souvenirs.

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NEW PARAGUAY CURRENCY
A new unit of currency, the guarani, has replaced the peso.

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Many New Patriotics Show Much Improvement Over Earlier Period

Several new sets as well as some single covers have come to our office in recent weeks. Among the best of these are the new three color covers of Edward F. Jordan who is producing Patriotic covers that are of historic value and interest as well as attractive in style and design. A series just at hand commemorates the events of 1943 and features the four great conferences at Casablanca, Quebec, Cairo and Tehran. Covers such as these are to be highly commended.

C. Lee Wolf of Mansfield continues with his splendid and timely hand drawn covers which are mostly unique and of great interest.

An unusual Victory in 1944 cover comes from Mrs. C. S. Buxton of Bunkerhill, Kansas. Her husband cut a linoleum block for the printing of this cover and not being a printer himself got his "44" backwards and is his face red.

An interesting cover from Cpl. A. E. Shaffer of South San Antonio, Texas, features VICTORY and shows the word in twelve different languages of the countries for which the recent flag stamps were issued. Really a novel idea.

Cpl. Harry C. Parker at the Grenada, Miss., Air Base sends a cover featuring the large Troop carrier planes.

Chas. Buckalew of Wilmington, Delaware has reissued his famous "B.H. Hen's Chicks" cover from a new picture and in two colors, really a striking design.

Carl L. McCluney of Ft. Worth Texas continues to send on a new item almost every week and all of them are novel and unusual in design and wording.

From Abram LeGallez, Slingerlands, N. Y. comes a most unusual photographic made cover which is hand colored and unusually artistic.

Melba Meyers of Myrtle Point, Oregon sends us a Denmark flag stamp on a cover from Denmark, Oregon. Most all these stamps can be tied up with covers from cities of similar names.

Lannie H. Smith of Fort Neches, Texas, sends two of his own make of hand colored covers, both timely and attractive.

A. W. Bendig, of Etna, Pa., sends a photo post card which shows the heads of Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill, an excellent card of great interest.

Sam Avy of Piqua, Ohio showed us samples of a new set of six splendid cartoon covers, the finest of this type we have yet seen, all cartoons by a famous NEA artist. The covers are to be offered in sets of six printed in black and a set of six in fine hand colored work by a capable artist, both sets to be sold together at a fixed price and these will be outstanding covers as every one is timely and right to the point.

CLEVELAND AUCTIONS

The January 6, issue of this publication stated that the Hi-Hat Auctions of the M.L.T. Sheet Brokerage Company were the only Auctions held in Cleveland and this has brought a letter from the Ace Stamp Co., signed by Otto F. Mose in which he calls attention to the fact that their company has conducted sales for a long time. He also refers to the sales by Farnam.

There was no intention on our part to make any misstatement. In thinking of Auctions we usually think of sales run and advertised by the use of regular auction catalogues in the usual manner of stamp auctions. We did not take into consideration the local sales conducted by counter bidding but rather had in mind sales of the usual kind. The Ace Stamp Company issues a mimeographed or similar list along with a very newsy sheet, of their auctions which are conducted in their office. We noted a Farnam sale in our issue of last week and since this is the first Farnam sale we have heard of for some time, we naturally believed that the Hi-Hat Auctions were the only sales regularly held in the approved manner of stamp auctions.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT—All values of the 1929 postage set (Scott's 213-231) 5c through 50L have been reported overprinted "P. M." for provisional military postal use. Overprint is in black. There were also similar overprints on the 50c olive brown; 1L purple; 2L deep blue; 5L dark green; and 10L deep carmine, (air mail values) and the 2L special delivery stamp of 1932.

NAZI OCCUPIED ISSUES

BELGIUM—Another new Orval series representing illuminated letters of the 13th century. Values are 50c plus 1Fr; 60c plus 1Fr.90; 1Fr plus 3Fr; 1Fr75 plus 5Fr25; 3Fr.25 plus 16Fr.75 and 5Fr plus 30Fr. The complete set sold for 70 Francs.

FRANCE—A semi-postal for the victims of bombings, pictures a kneeling mother holding her child in a bomb torn city, with the names of some of the bombed localities. The value is 1Fr. 50 plus 3Fr.50.

—A new series issued in September or October consists of 5 stamps of uniform design devoted to regional costuming. Each done by a different artist with the same effect.

—A 1Fr.50 plus 8.50Fr semi-postal for the families of prisoners.

—A set of six stamps honoring great Frenchmen from the sixteenth century on, in Art, Science, etc.

—A 10Fr. green in vertical format showing the Belfry of Arras.

GERMANY—A 6pf plus 4pf promoting the German silversmith art, and showing several small silver objects.

—A set of six stamps honoring the German's occupation of Britain's Jersey Islands in the English Channel. These occupation stamps have inscriptions and values in English, and feature local scenes. Values and colors are: 1/2d green; 1d red; 1 1/2d brown; 2d yellow; 2 1/2d blue and 6d violet.

—A set of semi-postals noting the Vienna-Freudenau. They are upright stamps and picture an unsaddled horse with a high steeple in the background. Values are 6pf plus 4pf, and 12pf plus 88pf.

—A single semi-postal for children's aid was issued on September 1st. The central design is a large family. The surtax went towards Hitler's Funds.

ITALY—Two large upright stamps with the Portrait of King Victor Emanuel facing left printed by the Fascists for Fascist use. No value is shown.

NETHERLANDS—Postage, a single 4c stamp was issued on November 1st. Printed in dark brown the design features a rider and a horse.

ROMANIA—Semi postals, a set of 5 stamps for refugees of Transylvania has been issued. Values are 16 plus 134, 32 plus 118, 36 plus 114, 62 plus 138 and 91 plus 109 L.

(These issues are listed to keep

you informed of some of the New issues, but remember that buying them is illegal and means helping the NAZIS).
 —Whitfield King, N. Y. Sun, Stamp Collecting, Leon Monosson.



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
 Baltimore, Ohio

Year Book

The annual Year Book of the Precancel Stamp Society is at hand. The Book is very concise this year having only the "bare facts of the skeleton convention" but having of course the complete membership list with each member collecting interests listed. This is only one of the fine features of the Precancel Stamp Society. A fine SALES department, also EXCHANGE department and the monthly precancel magazine, the OPTIMIST, are all Society Sponsored. Any of LINN'S precancel column readers who would like to have more information about the Precancel Stamp Society can write me and I will see that such information is quickly furnished.

Rogers Ohio

On the last compiled list of OHIO towns there was the town of RODGERS. I do not find the place spelled with a D so if RODGERS is the place its south of Youngstown and north of East Liverpool. I can't understand how this place slipped in "unauthorized" unless its another Tippicanoe, LeRoy or New Berlin. Hope to have more dope on the town next time or in the near future.

New Stamps Coming

The following offices were authorized to sell precancel stamps, during the month of December 1943. Beckmeyer, Ill., Ossian, Ind., Ubyly, Mich., Fisher, Minn., Azalea and Wasco, Oreg., Fulton, S. Dak. and Glens Park, Texas.

New orders were from Syracuse, N. Y., 1 1/2c sheet; Muncy and Reading Pa., both ordered 1c coils. Several other cities ordered during the month, all duplications of previous orders but some may show differences due to handset or machine set overprinting.

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